COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT)
NEGOTIATED BY BELLSOUTH)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND)
LOUISVILLE LIGHTWAVE, L.P.) CASE NO. 97-21 ²
PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 251 AND)
252 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)
ACT OF 1996)

ORDER

On May 16, 1997, the Commission approved an interconnection agreement between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and Louisville Lightwave, L. P. ("Louisville Lightwave"). On September 3, 1998, BellSouth and Louisville Lightwave submitted to the Commission amendments to their interconnection agreement. The agreement was negotiated pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("1996 Act"), 47 U.S.C. Sections 251 and 252. Section 252(e) of the 1996 Act requires the parties to an interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation to submit the agreement for approval to the Commission.

The Commission has reviewed the amendments and finds that no portion of the amendments discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement. The Commission also finds that the implementation of the amendments is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

The Commission, having been otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that the amendments are approved.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 15th day of October, 1998.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman

Vice Chairmán

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Executive Director